MASTER OF THE STORM

Luke 8:22–25

Now it happened, on a certain day, that He got into a boat with His disciples. And He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side of the lake." And they launched out. But as they sailed He fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water, and were in jeopardy. And they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm. But He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were afraid, and marveled, saying to one another, "Who can this be? For He commands even the winds and water, and they obey Him!"

MAIN POINT

Jesus is the sovereign Creator Who rules over all created things and to Whom all must yield and obey.

I. Introduction

- A. The context of Luke 8 has a unifying thread: the evidence of true followers of Jesus is *faith* and *obedience*.
 - 1. "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" (8:8)
 - 2. "Having heard / when they hear" (Parable of the Soils explained in 8:11–15)
 - 3. The true family of Christ is comprised of those "who hear the word of God and do it" (8:18).
- B. To *hear* is the receive/welcome the teachings of Christ and then demonstrate such reception with *obedience* to His commands.
- C. God calls all people to yield and submit to the Lordship of Christ. Nothing could illustrate the Lordship of Jesus better than response of the creation to the Creator in the text which Luke records next.

II. Exposition

- A. The Setting: The Sea of Galilee
- B. The Plan: Arrive to the other side of the lake
- C. The Problem: A tempestuous storm
- D. The Solution: Christ calms the storm
- E. The Conclusion: "Who then is this?"

III. Truths

- A. Who Jesus is:
 - 1. Jesus is the Omniscient One
 - 2. Jesus is the Omnipotent One
 - 3. Jesus is the Sovereign One
- B. What these truths about Jesus mean for you:
 - 1. Trust Him. Jesus knows all things and therefore knows you and your needs.
 - 2. Believe Him. Jesus possesses all power and thus has the ability to rescue the helpless.
 - 3. Obey Him. Jesus is the Ruler over all things and thus you have no reason to fear.